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Carolina Adventure



Hopsewee Plantation | Georgetown, SC

Take a Cellar-to-Attic Plantation Tour

Hopsewee, a South Carolina National Historic Landmark, is a preservation rather than a restoration. It's never been allowed to fall into decay and has always been cherished by the five families who have owned it since it was built about 1740.

The house, still a private residence, is a typical Lowcountry rice plantation dwelling of the early 18th Century, with four rooms opening into a wide center hall on each floor, a full brick cellar and attic rooms. The house has a lovely staircase, with hand carved molding in each room and random width heart pine floors, which are almost one and one half inches thick. Constructed on a brick foundation which is covered by scored tabby, the house is built of black cypress, which probably accounts for the fact that it is basically the same house Thomas Lynch and his wife, Elizabeth Allston (from what is now Brookgreen Gardens), had constructed 40 years before the Revolutionary War.

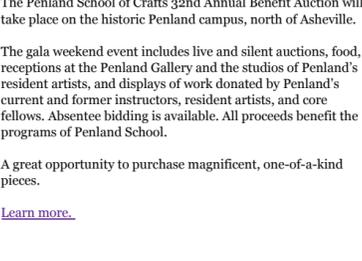
WOW Factor: Thomas Lynch, Jr., was born on the plantation. His father was instrumental in work done to create the Declaration of Independence, but was unable to sign due to illness. His son, age 26, did sign, helping to make Hopsewee famous for generations. The home is furnished in 18th and 19th Century family heirlooms from the Beattie family, the home's present owners and residents. The one-hour guided tour takes you through every room, as the guide shares history of the owners as well as the slaves who lived and worked here and the rice that was grown here.

Hint: After your tour, enjoy a Southern tea, or perhaps lunch in the River Oak Cottage Tea Room. (The scones are delicious and the tea they serve is extraordinary.) Home cooks will enjoy taking home their cookbook, "Afternoon Tea Recipes and Other Favorites." At \$10, it's quite a bargain. Open: 10am-3pm Tuesday - Saturday or by appointment. Advance tickets suggested. Prices range from \$7.50-\$20.

Plan to spend time in nearby Georgetown, with its historic charm, delightful downtown, and waterfront boardwalk. www.hopsewee.com

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Pretty Things and a Great Time for a Noble Cause



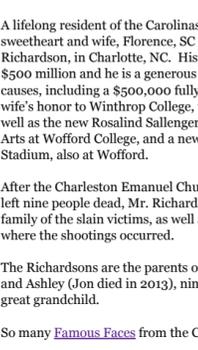
Penland School of Crafts Auction August 11-12, 2017

The Penland School of Crafts 32nd Annual Benefit Auction will take place on the historic Penland campus, north of Asheville.

The gala weekend event includes live and silent auctions, food, receptions at the Penland Gallery and the studios of Penland's resident artists, and displays of work donated by Penland's current and former instructors, resident artists, and core fellows. Absentee bidding is available. All proceeds benefit the programs of Penland School.

A great opportunity to purchase magnificent, one-of-a-kind pieces. [Learn more.](#)

Carolina Famous Face



Jerry Richardson – The Big Cat

Born July 11, 1936

Jerry Richardson was born in Spring Hope North Carolina, near Rocky Mount. He completed high school in Fayetteville, then entered Wofford College, in Spartanburg, SC, where he pledged to the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity, played football, created school records which hold to this day, and was elected Team Captain during his senior year.

He was drafted by the defending world champion Colts, named Colt Rookie of the Year in 1959, and played two seasons in the NFL, before taking his \$4,744 championship bonus and, with his college buddy Charles Bradshaw, opened the first Hardee's franchise in Spartanburg.

Expansion followed rapidly, and the two co-founded Spartan Foods. Later, he was CEO of Flagstar, the sixth largest food service company in the nation, with 2,500 restaurants and more than 100,000 employees.

He became the first and only majority owner of the Carolina Panthers when they were unanimously awarded the NFL's 29th franchise in 1993. His nickname, The Big Cat, is a reference to the team as well as his negotiating skills. He is the only person to be inducted into both the North and South Carolina Halls of Fame in business and athletics.

A lifelong resident of the Carolinas, he lives with his lovely sweetheart and wife, Florence, SC native Rosalind Sallenger Richardson, in Charlotte, NC. His net worth is estimated at \$500 million and he is a generous philanthropist to a variety of causes, including a \$500,000 fully endowed scholarship in his wife's honor to Winthrop College, where she attended school, as well as the new Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts at Wofford College, and a new Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium, also at Wofford.

After the Charleston Emanuel Church Shooting in 2015, which left nine people dead, Mr. Richardson donated \$10,000 to each family of the slain victims, as well as \$10,000 to the church where the shootings occurred.

The Richardsons are the parents of three children, Jon, Mark and Ashley (Jon died in 2013), nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

So many [Famous Faces](#) from the Carolinas! Great Stories.

Once in a Lifetime



You're invited to one heck of a Total Eclipse Party

"For those who choose to experience this eclipse outside the path, a partial eclipse is all they will see. Even if the sun is 99.9% eclipsed for these observers, they will not experience the full, jaw-dropping, knee-buckling, emotionally-overloading, completely overwhelming spectacle that is totality."

- Dan McGlaun, veteran of twelve total solar eclipses

Columbia, SC, is home to the longest total solar eclipse for a metro area on the East Coast and will host Total Eclipse Weekend - a full weekend of more than 80 eclipse-related festivals and events, from Aug. 18 to 21, 2017.

Highlights include a midday Columbia Fireflies Minor League Baseball game during the eclipse at the brand new, award-winning Spirit Communications Park at Bull Street; a weekend of astronomy activities and exhibits at the new South Carolina State Museum observatory, planetarium and 4-D theater with a special exhibition featuring S.C. astronaut Charles Duke and a big public viewing event on Monday; paddling on the Saluda River during the eclipse, a 5K run, and hands-on solar fun for kids at Saluda Shoals Park; a Sunday matinee of space-themed works by the S.C. Philharmonic at the Koger Center; ranger-led eclipse tours at Congaree National Park; The Solar 17 viewing festival at the Lake Murray Dam; a major new public art/laser light installation at the Congaree River, titled "Southern Lights;" and lots more.

<http://totaleclipsecolumbiasc.com>

Mountaintop Views

Want to watch the eclipse from the Western North Carolina mountains? Great events are being planned for Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties at the western edge of the state. Check out Western North Carolina for details. <http://wncsolareclipse.com/>

Carolina Creative



Steve Noggle, Woodworker

It was the gallery of vase images that stopped me in my tracks. And then the bowls and platters. I can imagine the smoothness of the pieces, the heft of the platter, the look of a vase spilling over with Carolina wildflowers. I want one of these beauties for my very own.

North Carolina native Steve Noggle worked in the lumber industry after completing a Forestry degree at LSU in 1976, creating fine furniture as a sideline, and eventually spending 25 years as an engineer in the furniture industry.

It was the discovery of woodturning that fueled what became a metro area and led to his work as a craftsman in his hometown of Morganton, NC.

His wood comes from hardwoods located on the family farm in Burke County, as well as from the Morganton area and surrounding counties. Loggers and tree removal companies supply most of his wood. "My favorite local wood is ambrosia maple," he shared."

Other favorites include cherry and walnut; however, he'll occasionally use dogwood, mulberry, locust or ash. Each piece is carved on a spinning lathe - becoming "satin to the touch and pleasing to the eye."

His workshop is an old depression-era store that was used by his family to sell produce in the 30s and 40s.

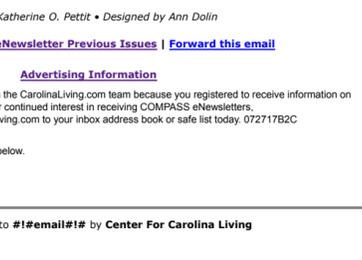
His magnificent creations are available in the following Carolina galleries: Ariel Gallery, Asheville; Twigs and Leaves, Waynesville; New Morning Gallery, Asheville; Red Wolf Gallery, Brevard; and the Southern Highland galleries in Blowing Rock and Asheville.

Mr. Noggle has been a juried member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild since 2004. www.stevenoggle.com

*Ambrosia maple is another name for soft (mostly red) maple, which acquires that name when the ambrosia beetle tunnels into a tree and leaves beautiful green and gray streaks in the wood.

Read about more [Carolina Creatives](#) (and their work).

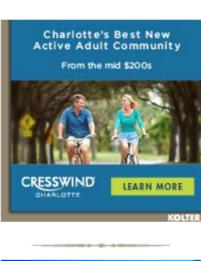
Carolina Cuisine



Corn as "high as an elephant's eye"

Oscar Hammerstein's lyrics for the famous song in Oklahoma can be seen in action in the Carolina fields in late July. We grill it, boil it, make bread with it, churn ice cream (really!), and freeze it.

For those in search of a hearty summer salad, corn is invited to the party. As someone who alters recipes according to my pantry, [Summer Corn Salad](#) works with a variety of ingredients. In fact, throw some protein into the mix and you've got a perfect lunch for one or many. Try your own version soon.



Start Packing

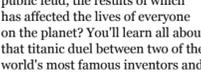
Hello,

I have friends who've moved to the Carolinas from all over (Ohio and Michigan come to mind). They tell me that they'd rather have the few 90-degree days we see in July than the months of shoveling snow they endured up north. Fair enough. The sweeter, they say, is the long growing season for their gardens and the year-round outdoor activities. OK, we agree.

Enjoy this newsletter, packed with more of what's best about the Carolinas - history, fun and creatives in abundance. Our time spent brings you the best of what we've discovered. Visit soon. We predict you'll return and perhaps decide that it's time to call the Carolinas home.



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It's Electric



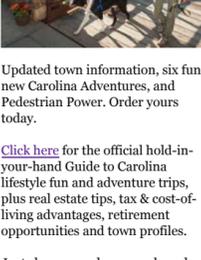
KidSenses Children's Interactive Museum

Did you know that Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla once had a very public feud, the results of which has affected the lives of everyone on the planet? You'll learn all about that titanic duel between two of the world's most famous inventors and much more when you visit KidSenses' newest exhibit - ZAP THEATRE.

The centerpiece for this exhibit is a Musical Bi-Polar Tesla Coil. This device generates dramatic lightning bolts which pulsate in harmony with your favorite music. KidSenses is one of only a handful of museums in the country to have a Musical Bi-Polar Tesla Coil. You have to see (and hear) it to believe it!

KidSenses Children's Interactive Museum is located in historic downtown Rutherfordton, N.C. Call 828-286-2120, visit www.kidsenses.org, or "Like" KidSenses on Facebook.

A Little Sunshine



Endangered Species of North Carolina

Take heart when you see a lovely Schweinitz sunflower growing by the side of the road. Salute these endangered plants, that can grow as tall as six feet, can be used to create hybrid medicines, and help clean the air we breathe.

There are more than 2,600 endangered plants throughout the world. There are laws that protect conservation-reliant species: for example, forbidding hunting, restricting land development or creating preserves. You can do your part by personal example and by donating to NC Wildlife Federation www.ncwf.org and SC Wildlife Federation. www.scwf.org

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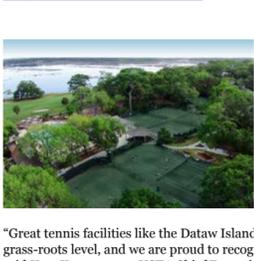
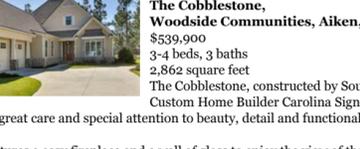
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Get outside and play - biking, swimming, sailing, tennis, and what about pickleball, bocce ball, or horseshoes on the beach? Good times. Share with us on [Facebook](#).

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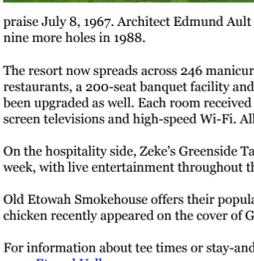


Is this New Home Calling Your Name?

The Cobblestone, Woodside Communities, Aiken, SC
\$539,900
3-4 beds, 3 baths
2,862 square feet

The Cobblestone, constructed by Southern Living Custom Home Builder Carolina Signature Homes, has been designed with great care and special attention to beauty, detail and functional livability.

The Great Room features a cozy fireplace and a wall of glass to enjoy the view of the 15th green of the Hollow Creek Golf Course. The Kitchen features an abundance of cabinets, a built-in pantry, eating bar and oversized center island. The 316 square foot covered porch with fireplace is perfect for entertaining, relaxing, and enjoying Aiken's beautiful weather year round. Info@WoodsideCommunities.com



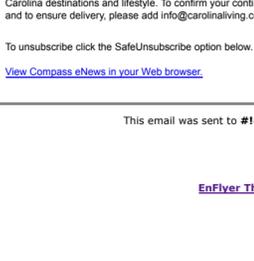
USTA Names Dataw Island Club's Tennis Center One of the Best in the Country

The [Dataw Island Club Tennis Center](#) in St. Helena Island, S.C., is one of just 12 winners in the 36th annual USTA Facility Awards program.

Dataw Island Club Tennis Center is home to an active social and USTA-playing community, with more than 20 USTA League Teams each year.

"Great tennis facilities like the Dataw Island Club Tennis Center help us to grow the game at the grass-roots level, and we are proud to recognize them for their ongoing impact on the sport of tennis," said Kurt Kamperman, USTA Chief Executive Community Tennis and the USTA National Campus.

The Dataw Island Tennis Center is led by Warren Florence, who is also the Club's head teaching pro.



Etowah Valley Celebrates 50 Years of Golf at the "Brickyard"

A golf course that sprang from unique beginnings celebrates its 50th anniversary this summer.

Etowah Valley Golf & Resort, which transformed the handscraped terrain of a brick mining operation into a popular mountain golf destination, opened to much more holes in 1988.

The resort now spreads across 246 manicured acres with 27 holes of golf, 65 lodge rooms, three restaurants, a 200-seat banquet facility and a 200-seat outdoor pavilion. The lodging component has been upgraded as well. Each room received new furnishings and bathroom fixtures, high-definition flat screen televisions and high-speed Wi-Fi. All rooms on the property overlook the golf course.

On the hospitality side, Zeke's Greenside Tavern seats 160 and is open from 11am to 9pm seven days a week, with live entertainment throughout the week.

Old Etowah Smokehouse offers their popular pit-cooked barbecue, and the pickle-brined dipped chicken recently appeared on the cover of Garden & Gun.

For information about tee times or stay-and-play packages, call 828-891-7022 or go to www.EtowahValley.com.

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